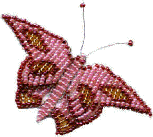
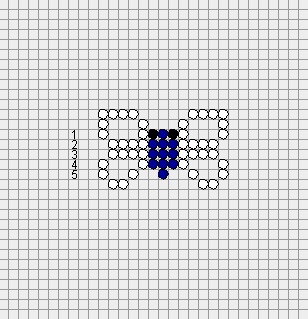
Seed beads (small glass beads can be purchased from Spotlight. A small bag will go a long way) can be threaded on to wire to create interesting little animals and shapes. These can be turned into very creative stunning broaches.

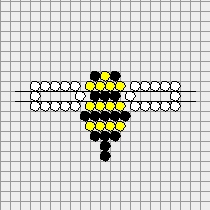
**Butterfly**





**Bee**





Additional creatures can be found at <http://www.marcels-kid-crafts.com/bead-pattern.html#medium>

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Old promotional badges are good for this simple creation. Alternatively they can be picked up from the $2 shop or op shops.

Prise the back open with a screwdriver. Do this gently as it will bend the rim.

Cut the fabric 1.5 cm larger than the badge.

Put a running stitch around the edge of your chosen fabric and put tight over the badge.

If you want to embellish it do so before pulling it tight. Add ribbons, buttons, beads etc anything that will add sparkle and interest.

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Polymer Clay ( Fimo™, Sculpey™) is a fun product to work with. It can be costly depending on what you want to achieve. However it can add originality and complement commercial beads well.

The following you tube clip helps to outline the potential it has.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S6172lxLvqc>